

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Excused), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

Notes: Councilmember Yeargin departed the meeting at 7:31p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- **2.1.1. State Highway Administration-MD704 Project**
- Claudine Myers and Kevin Nowak presented the City Council with copies of the plan for the redevelopment of Martin Luther King Junior Highway.

3. MEETING TOPICS:

- **3.1.1. MD704 Project Overview**
- Ms. Myers stated that the landscaping can be found on page 82-88
- Ms. Myers stated that the traffic study in 2012 showed that 29,000 vehicles travel on Martin Luther King Junior Highway daily.
- Ms. Myers stated that plan sheet 3 covers the first 1400 feet of the project from the District of Columbia line. It provides the number lanes, sidewalk and bike paths that will be developed or redeveloped.
- Ms. Myers stated that plan sheet 5 covers Carrington Avenue to Hill Road. The contractor will be repairing all inlets and sidewalks in this area.

- Ms. Myers stated that 65th Avenue and Glen Willow will have two pedestrian safety enhancements. They will reconfigure the traffic from Booker Drive onto Martin Luther King Junior Highway.
- The driveways will be repaved beginning in June 2014.
- Councilman Porter stated that there is a concern on Booker Drive with regards to the landscaping plans.
- Councilman Yeargin requested a change on Page 23 with regards to the entry from Martin Luther King Junior Highway to Martin Luther King Junior Court.
- Ms. Myers stated that Sheet 82 provides the area where the landscaping medians are on Martin Luther King Junior Highway.
- Council President Porter stated that there was a concern with regards to the roundabouts not being included.
- Ms. Myers stated the change was due to the traffic study and they used the same design on Kenilworth Avenue with the raised design.
- Ms. Myers stated the changes that were discussed in the last meeting with Mayor Grant, Mr. Ashton and Mr. Thompson are incorporated in the plans.
- Councilwoman Stephenson inquired if there was a model of the renderings.
- Ms. Myers stated that they do not have a model of the renderings. However, the Kenilworth Avenue redevelopment with the raised design is similar to the one that will be in Seat Pleasant.
- Ms. Myers stated that the sign needs to be finalized. It is her understanding that the Mayor and Council would have a conversation with the District of Columbia regarding them donating the area to the City. This is the area that they want to place the sign.
- Ms. Myers stated that on page 21 it provides a new crosswalk and another on 65th.
- Ms. Myers stated that they will be highlighting the area on Greig St with warning signals for pedestrians. They will include striping with 10" reflective signals. The lights will be high intensity beacon lights, which are being tested.
- Council President Porter wanted to know the timing on the lighting.
- Councilmember Higgs wanted to know if the City could have a copy of the renderings.
- Mr. Nowak stated that the project will begin in the next couple of weeks and will be completed in the fall of 2014.
- Councilmember Kennedy wanted to know if the project will impact the recently acquired property on Martin Luther King Junior Highway.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that the project will enhance the purchase
- Mr. Nowak stated it's not uncommon for the plans to change.

- Councilwoman Simms stated that we do not have any plan changes for the area at this time.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that she is happy they are here to say the development will be starting.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know if there will be a section for the bikes.
- Ms. Myers stated that the bike striking can be found in Plan Sheet 4.
- Mr. Ashton had requested for the information to be posted on the City site.
- Mr. Nowak stated that the information can be found on the State Highway Administration website. However, the posting should say Monday-Friday from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. MD704 Improvements.
- Councilmember Higgs requested the information to be in the newsletter.
- Mr. Nowak stated that the paving will be completed in three weeks and work will be from 9:00p.m. to 5:00a.m. Sunday-Thursday.
- Ms. Nowak stated that it is four phases to the project and they will be working on one side of the Highway at a time with designated crossing. The detail information can be found on the SHA website.
- Mr. Nowak will be responsible for the project in the next few years.
- Council President Porter stated that he would like for Mr. Nowak to come back for the Public Session to inform the community of the project.
- Ms. Myers stated that she will leave the plan sheet with the City Clerk.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1.1. None


6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6.1.1. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2013, City of Glenarden, 8600 Glenarden Pkwy, Glenarden, MD at 7:00p.m.
- 6.1.2. Ward V Meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2013, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- 6.1.3. Seat Pleasant FY2014 Budget Public Hearing, Monday, April 22, 2013, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.
- 6.1.4. Ward II Community Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2013, Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

- 6.1.5. Seat Pleasant Day, Saturday, May 4, 2013 Opening Ceremony & Parade, Seat Pleasant City Hall at 9:30a.m.
- 6.1.6. Prince George's County 43rd Annual Beautification Awards Program, Summer Garden Application due by 5/20/13
- 6.1.7. Citywide Clean-up, Ward I & Ward II, Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
- 6.1.8. Citywide Clean-up, Ward III & Ward IV, Saturday, May 25, 2013 from 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
- 6.1.9. Citywide Clean-up, Ward V, Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk